AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A security device for preventing shoplifting ~~consisting of~~ comprising:

a flexible flat substrate [[(1)]] comprising an inductor [[(2)]) and a capacitor [[(3)]] which form a resonant circuit, [[the]] plates ~~(3a, 3b)~~ of the capacitor being separated by a layer [[(4)]] of dielectric material at least one zone [[(A)]] of which is designed to make it possible to establish a short-circuit between the plates ~~(3a, 3b)~~ for a deactivation of the device,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein on at least one face ~~at least~~ of the substrate is provided a ~~rigidified~~ rigid part ~~(B) whose~~ having a contour [[(Bc)]] that surrounds the at least one zone ~~or zones (A)~~ provided for deactivation.

2. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is provided on each face of the substrate [[(1)]], the contour of each ~~rigidified~~ rigid part surrounding the at least one zone ~~or zones (A)~~ provided for deactivation.

3. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidity of the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is such that the repeated bending movements of the flexible substrate [[(1)]] are prevented or limited in the at least one zone ~~or zones (A)~~ where the short-circuits have been, or will be, established.

4. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is constituted by a region of the substrate [[(1)]] itself having undergone a rigidification treatment or having a specific composition endowing it with greater rigidity.

5. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is constituted by an add-on rigidification element [[(R)]] fixed to the substrate [[(1)]].

6. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element [[(R)]] is made of resin, or of composite resin hardened when cold or under ultraviolet radiation.

7. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element

[[(R)]] is metallic.

8. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element [[(R)]] is constituted by a ring [[(6)]].

9. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element [[(R)]] is constituted by a flat [[(7)]] or domed [[(8)]] rigid panel.

10. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the device comprises a sticker [[(Da)]] having a contour of ovoid form with one end [[(9)]] narrower than the other [[(10)]], the capacitor plates ~~(3a, 3b)~~ being provided toward the narrower end [[(9)]], such a sticker [[(Da)]] being insertable into the toe of the sole of a shoe, in front of the zone of natural creasing when walking.

11. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidity of the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is such that the repeated bending movements of the flexible substrate [[(1)]] are prevented or limited in the zone or zones [[(A)]] where the short-circuits have been, or will be, established.

12. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is constituted by a region of the substrate [[(1)]] itself having undergone a rigidification treatment or having a specific composition endowing it with greater rigidity.

13. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is constituted by a region of the substrate [[(1)]] itself having undergone a rigidification treatment or having a specific composition endowing it with greater rigidity.

14. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is constituted by an add-on rigidification element [[(R)]] fixed to the substrate [[(1)]].

15. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~rigidified~~ rigid part [[(B)]] is constituted by an add-on rigidification element [[(R)]] fixed to the substrate [[(1)]].

16. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element [[(R)]] is constituted by a ring [[(6)]].

17. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element [[(R)]] is constituted by a ring [[(6)]].

18. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element [[(R)]] is constituted by a flat [[(7)]] or domed [[(8)]] rigid panel.

19. (currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rigidification element [[(R)]] is constituted by a flat [[(7)]] or domed [[(8)]] rigid panel.

20. (new) A security device for preventing shoplifting, comprising:

a flexible flat substrate including an inductor and a capacitor forming a resonant circuit, plates of the capacitor being separated by a layer of dielectric material, at least one portion of the dielectric material being absent so as to enable a short-circuit between the plates for deactivation of the security device, and

a rigid element on at least one face of said substrate, said rigid element surrounding said at least one portion for deactivation.